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TO: SAIGON

THIS IS FROM IAS

SAIGON (FOR [REDACTED])

1. THE RUNWAY AT KHE SANH (XB847417) HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND CAN NOW ACCOMMODATE THE MIG-17 (FRESCO) JET FIGHTER AND THE YAK-40 (CODLING) JET TRANSPORT.

2. ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE AND OF RECENTLY ACQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE REVEALED THAT THE EXTENSIONS AT EITHER END OF THE PIERCED-STEEL-PLANK (PSP) RUNWAY HAVE EXTENDED THE LENGTH TO 5,125 FEET. PREVIOUSLY THE RUNWAY WAS 4,800 FEET LONG. THIS CONSTRUCTION INCLUDES A READY RAMP INCORPORATED INTO THE RUNWAY'S NEW WESTERN EXTENSION, AND A PARALLEL PARKING APRON CONSTRUCTED OVER A PORTION OF THE OLD DAMAGED RUNWAY LOCATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH. RECLAIMED PSP SECTIONS FROM THE OLD RUNWAY WERE USED IN ALL OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION. A CONNECTING TAXIWAY HAS NOT BEEN BUILT AND MAY NOT BE NECESSARY. CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN UNDER WAY SINCE AT LEAST [REDACTED] WHEN NEW GROUND SCARRING WAS OBSERVED. THIS CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE BY [REDACTED]

3. AS OF [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FACILITIES SUCH AS PERMANENT FUEL STORAGE, GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPT SITES, OR RUNWAY LIGHTS AND MARKINGS. HOWEVER, THE AIRFIELD IS CAPABLE OF SERVING AS A REFLEX OR EMERGENCY RECOVERY BASE FOR DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND AS AN AIRPORT FOR FLIGHTS TO/FROM NORTH VIETNAM.

4. PHOTO REFERENCES:

GIANT SCALE  
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